

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please cancel claims 1-5. Those claims were elected in parent application (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/412,815) following a restriction requirement. The unelected claims 6-15 are presented here for examination.

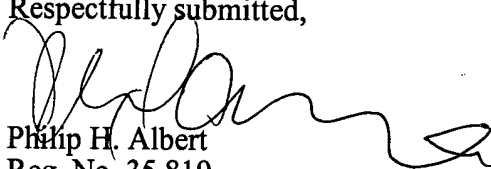
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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